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SOURCE Zeri i Popullit.COAL MINING DEVELOPMENTS IN ALBANIA

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

According to Zeri i Popullit of 1 May 1952, the output of the Mborje-Drenove coal mines has been doubled by applying Soviet methods, such as deep conical drilling and the long-wall method. Soviet engineers instructed the miners, some of whom now exceed their norms 115 percent. Outstanding leading workers raised their norms for extracting coal per gallery from 10 to 16 carloads.(1)

On 28 May, Zeri i Popullit reported that the miners of the Mborje-Drenove coal mines promised to produce seven carloads of coal a day per miner. By 15 May the index of the graph for the 15-day period stood at 109.51, the paper added. The norm was fulfilled on an average of 130 percent. During the whole campaign in honor of the Second Party Congress the graph showed a rapid rise. On 31 March, when the campaign opened, the quarterly plan was fulfilled 128 percent. On 6 April, the miners were awarded the Red Banner for enterprises of Class II.

The paper stated that two red banners for me : are on display in the gallery of the Pikanec sector, on the left of the management building. They were awarded for 115-percent fulfillment of the first 15-day plan. Deep in this gallery, the paper continued, outstanding miners are producing eight to ten carloads of coal instead of the promised seven carloads.

According to the same issue of Zeri i Popullit, all the miners are enthusiastic about Soviet methods, including deep drilling, cross-cutting, and long-wall mining. Some young workers are fulfilling their daily norms 140-160 percent. One of the car men is now transporting four carloads more coal than his quota.(2)

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Zeri i Popullit reported on 10 May that the collective of coal miners at Memaliaj promised to engage in a socialist competition with the State Mining Enterprise at Sere-Selenice, to fulfill the quarterly plan ahead of schedule, to increase output 25 percent, and to reduce costs one percent through application of the Levchenkov-Mukhanov method by 90 percent of the qualified workers. Advanced courses were planned for 12 transport workers and 9 miners, the paper added. Socialist competition was to be implemented by 91 workers, including 60 percent of the leading workers. The norm system was to be introduced for 95 percent of the workers. The collective was to plant the ground of the enterprise with vegetables for the workers, the paper added.(3)

SOURCES

1. Tirana, Zeri i Popullit, 1 May 52
2. Ibid., 28 May 52
3. Ibid., 10 May 52

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